STAFF COMMENTS FOR PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE: October 17, 2007

SUBJECT: AFP-07-036

TITLE: Lakeview Professional Center

REQUEST: CONSENT APPROVAL

AMENDMENT TO FINAL PLAN APPROVAL

Change of use from basement storage to

general and/or medical office

ADDRESS: 507 North Frederick Avenue

ZONE: C-2 (General Commercial)

APPLICANT: Thukral Holdings

STAFF LIAISON: Allen Meyer, Planning Intern

Enclosures:

Staff Comments

Exhibits

Exhibit 1: Site location map

Exhibit 2: Application

Exhibit 3: Adjacent property owner notification

Exhibit 4: Site plan Exhibit 5: Aerial

Exhibit 6: Revised parking chart Exhibit 7: Pictures of property

STAFF COMMENTS

I. BACKGROUND:

An application has been filed requesting an amendment to an approved final plan to change the use of the basement level of an office building (Exhibit #2). The property is located at 507 North Frederick Avenue (Exhibit #1) and is located in the C-2 (General Commercial) Zone.

The applicant proposes to change the use of a basement storage area to general and/or medical office. The property was granted final site plan approval by the City of Gaithersburg's Planning Commission as site plan S-148 on January 16, 1967. Site plan S-394(A) was for the addition of a parking deck which added 64 parking spaces to the property. The upper parking deck was never constructed, but the new surface parking (lower level) was constructed adding 34 parking spaces.

II. SCOPE OF REVIEW:

This application comes before the Planning Commission because of Section 24-172A which requires the Planning Commission to grant amendments to final site plans. This application is requesting to amend an approved site plan by allowing the basement storage area to be used as a general and/or medical office use.

III. SITE PLAN ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS:

In accordance with §24-171, the Planning Commission has the authority to review and make determinations regarding the proposed plan for the purpose of protecting the public health, safety and welfare. Section 24-170 outlines the findings for the approval of the site plan:

Site Characteristics

General.

The L-shaped property is improved with a two-story office building fronting on North Frederick Avenue near the intersection Montgomery Village Avenue and North Frederick Avenue (MD 355). The property's rear parking lot is surrounded by mature trees and a lake (storm water management facility) abutts the rear of the property. The site's only access is from North Frederick Avenue with a two-way drive aisle on the north side of the building.

Surrounding Land Use and Zoning.

The surrounding land uses are professional office to the east, commercial retail to the west, and banking to the north. The zones adjacent to the property are zoned C-2 (General Commercial).

Building uses.

The front half of the first floor is contains a video retail store. The rest of the building is being used for general and medical offices. The basement storage area (1,083 square foot) is currently vacant, but has been fitted out with offices from past occupants.

History.

The building's use of the basement area has had a long history. Over the past 30 years, the Planning Commission has granted the basement area to be used as office twice with conditions. However, the parking schedule on the most current plan does not reflect that use. This amendment proposes to correct the use square footages and adjust the parking schedule to reflect the new use.

Parking. (Exhibit #6)

	<u>Past</u>	Current
Retail: Storage: General office: Medical office:	2,500 sf/14 spaces 1,083 sf/0 spaces 0 sf/0 spaces 4 doctors/16 spaces 10 employees/5 spaces	2,500 sf/14 spaces 176 sf/0 spaces 2,700 sf/9 spaces 5 doctors/20 spaces 8 eployees/4 spaces
Provided spaces: Required spaces:	51 35	51 51

Code issues.

The basement storage area currently has one egress by means of a stairway to the first floor foyer. In order for the basement storage area to be converted to office, the entire building must have a smoke detection system.

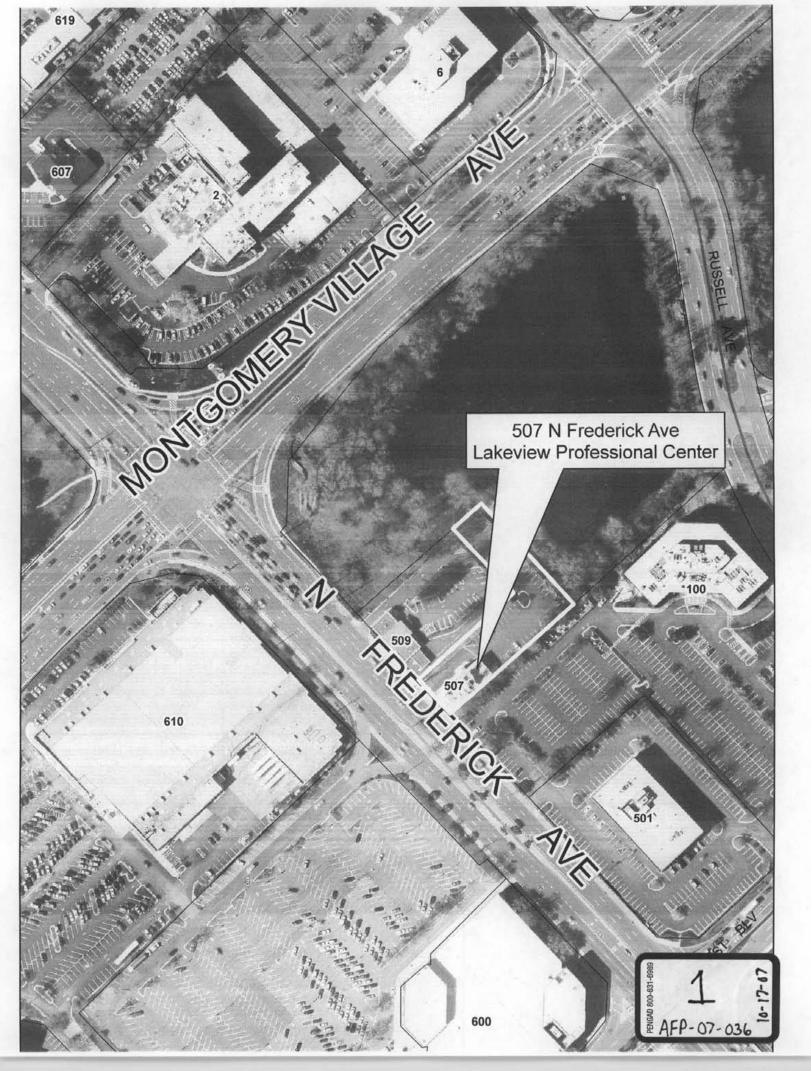
Summary of Findings.

The Planning Commission is receiving this application because the proposed modifications to the site plan are required to be reviewed by Planning Commission. Staff believes that this modification to the site will add to the commercial value of the property and not create any adverse conditions.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends TO GRANT AFP-07-036, LAKEVIEW PROFESSIONAL CENTER, AMENDMENT TO FINAL PLAN APPROVAL, FINDING IT IN CONFORMANCE WITH §§ 24-170 AND 24-172 OF THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE, WITH ONE (1) CONDITION.

1. The entire building is to be fit up with a smoke detection system prior to occupancy of the basement office.





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AMENDMENT TO FINAL PLAN APPLICATION

In accordance with Section 24, Article V of the City Code

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ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS NOTIFICATION

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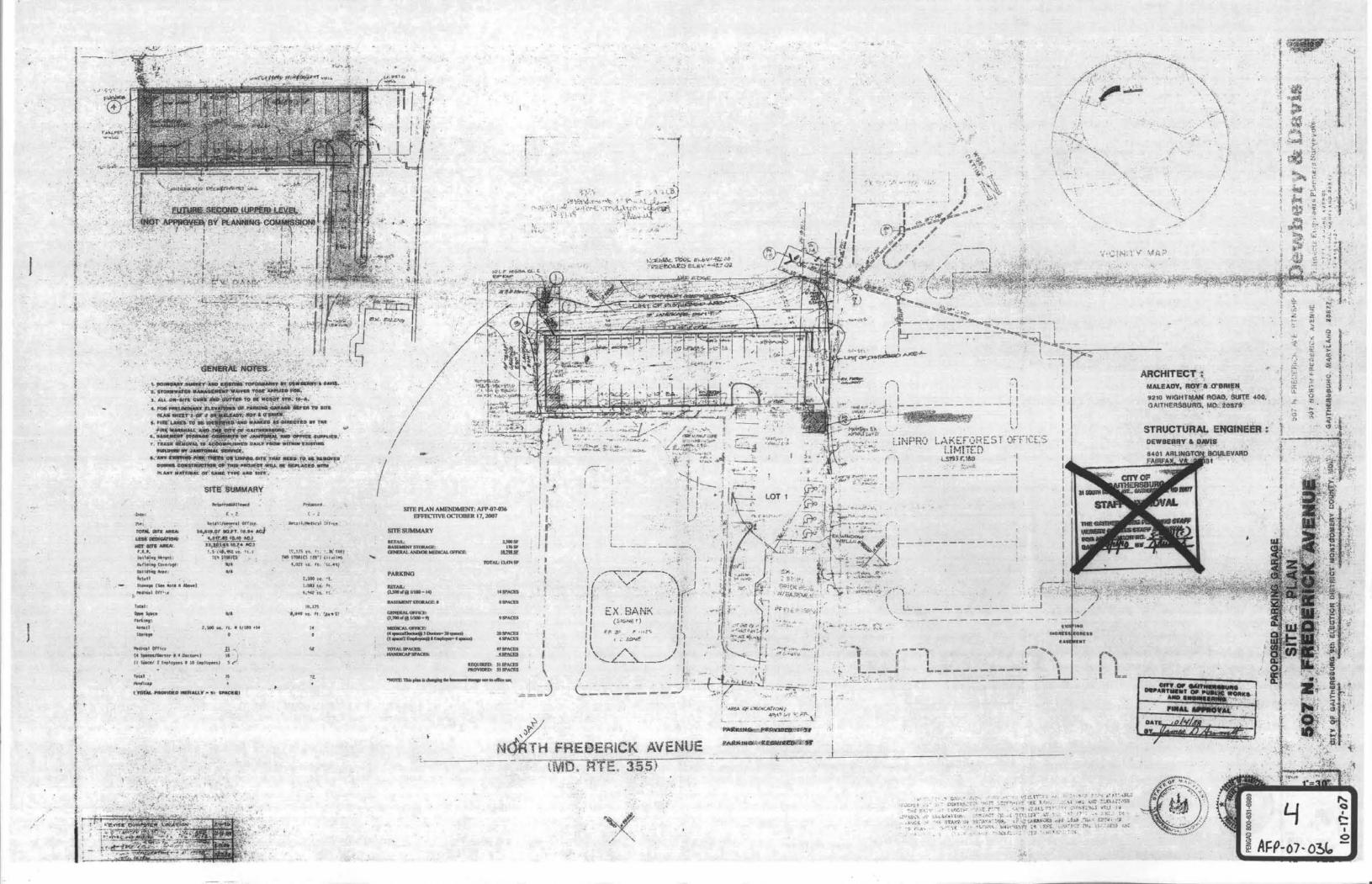
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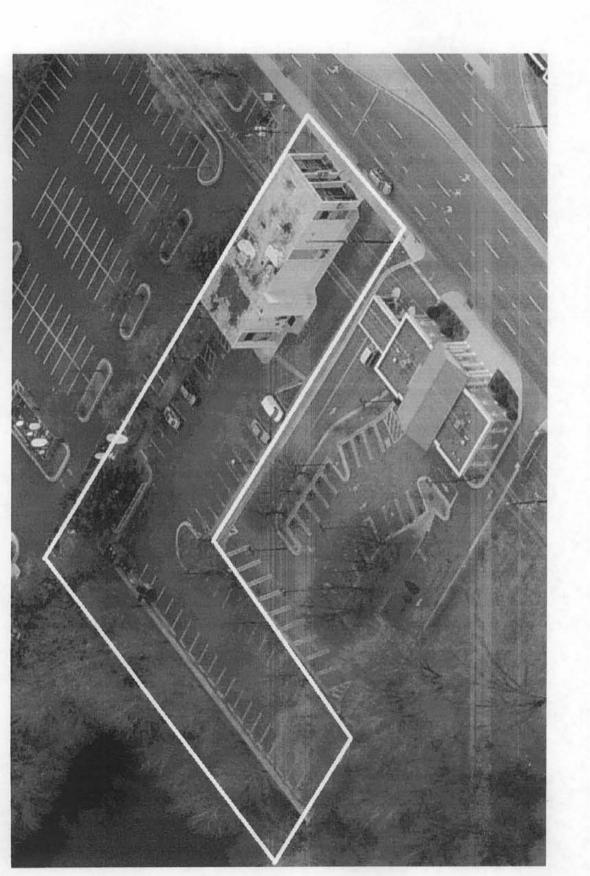
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SITE PLAN AMENDMENT: AFP-07-036 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 17, 2007

SITE SUMMARY

RETAIL: 2,500 SF
BASEMENT STORAGE: 176 SF
GENERAL AND/OR MEDICAL OFFICE: 10,798 SF

TOTAL: 13,474 SF

PARKING

RETAIL:

(2,500 sf @ 1/180 = 14) 14 SPACES

BASEMENT STORAGE: 0 0 SPACES

GENERAL OFFICE:

(2.700 sf @.1/300 = 9) 9 SPACES

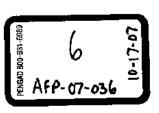
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TOTAL SPACES: 47 SPACES HANDICAP SPACES: 48 SPACES

REQUIRED: 51 SPACES PROVIDED: 51 SPACES

*NOTE: This plan is changing the basement storage use to office use,









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